

ASSOCIATED PRESS

APRIL 20, 1962

25X1A

A 155 WX

U R G E N T

WX LOCALS OUT

WASHINGTON, APRIL 20 (AP)—MRS. BARBARA POWERS, 27, WIFE OF U-2 PILOT FRANCIS GARY POWERS WAS TAKEN TO A HOSPITAL TODAY SUFFERING FROM WHAT POLICE SAID WAS AN OVERDOSE OF A BARTITUATE DRUG.

SHE LATER WAS REPORTED "IN SATISFACTORY CONDITION AND OUT OF DANGER." A PHYSICIAN SAID HER CONDITION WAS "VERY SERIOUS" WHEN SHE WAS ADMITTED TO GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL.

HOSPITAL AUTHORITIES SAID SHE WAS SUFFERING FROM AN "ACUTE GASTRO-INTESTINAL UPSET." HOWEVER, METROPOLITAN POLICE LT. NELSON RICKEY SAID INVESTIGATING OFFICERS WERE TOLD MRS. POWERS HAD TAKEN APPROXIMATELY 28 NEMBUTAL TABLETS. THERE WAS NO FURTHER EXPLANATION OF THE INCIDENT.

MR. AND MRS. POWERS HAVE BEEN LIVING IN ALEXANDRIA, VA., APARTMENT SINCE SHORTLY AFTER POWERS' RETURN FROM RUSSIA EARLY THIS YEAR. POWERS WAS IMPRISONED BY THE RUSSIANS AFTER HIS HIGH-FLYING PLANE WAS SHOT DOWN ON MAY 1, 1960 WHILE FLYING DEEP IN RUSSIAN TERRITORY.

DURING HER HUSBAND'S IMPRISONMENT, MRS. POWERS WAS STAYING WITH HER MOTHER IN MILLEDGEVILLE, GA.

SR 1 PES